

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the first full paragraph of page 6 with the following paragraph:

Within this application several publications are referenced. Full citations for these, and other, publications may be found at the end of the specification immediately preceding the claims after the section heading References. The disclosures of all these publications in their entireties are hereby expressly incorporated by reference herein for the purpose of indicating the background of the invention and illustrating the state of the art. The disclosure of this application is similar to U.S. Ser. No. 09/939,303, filed ~~July~~ August 24, 2001, now pending, (~~Attorney Docket No. UBAT-031US~~) the entire contents of which are hereby expressly incorporated by reference herein for all purposes.

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please substitute the attached four Replacement Sheet(s) for its(their) corresponding drawing sheet(s) in this Application.



REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks. Claims 1-9 and 11-20 are pending in this application. Claim 10 was previously cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

The specification is amended to more clearly identify a related application. The abstract is amended to correct two minor typographical errors. Applicant submits herewith one copy of four sheets of formal drawings.

At page 1 of the Office action, section 5 and page 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicates that Claims 1-9 and 11-20 are allowed. This indication of allowed subject matter is very much appreciated.

In view of the above, all the claims are considered patentable and allowance of all the claims is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned (at direct line 512-457-7233) for prompt action in the event any issues remain.

No fee is due for filing this Reply because the initial response was filed on July 28, 2003 within the shortened statutory period for response as set in the Office Action dated May 28, 2003.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to
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